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HOUSE BILL 68

**48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2008**

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AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCES; AMENDING THE PURPOSE OF THE  
EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT FUND TO INCLUDE  
RADIO EQUIPMENT; CLARIFYING PERMITTED RECIPIENTS OF FUNDING;  
MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. Section 21-1-34 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1977,  
Chapter 330, Section 1, as amended) is amended to read:

"21-1-34. EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION AND RADIO EQUIPMENT  
REPLACEMENT FUND--DISBURSEMENT.--The "educational television  
and radio equipment replacement fund" is created. The higher  
education department shall develop criteria and promulgate  
rules for the disbursement of money in this fund for the  
replacement of equipment at educational television and  
radio stations operated by [~~institutions of higher education~~]

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1 public post-secondary educational institutions or public  
2 schools that are certified as being corporation for public  
3 broadcasting qualified. Disbursement shall be made to the  
4 institutions by warrant of the department of finance and  
5 administration upon vouchers signed by the secretary of higher  
6 education. It is the intent of the legislature that in  
7 subsequent years a specific line item for educational  
8 television and radio replacement shall be included in the  
9 appropriations recommended for educational television and radio  
10 by the department. The appropriation to the fund in the  
11 General Appropriation Act of 1982 shall not revert to the  
12 general fund at the end of any fiscal year, and no subsequent  
13 appropriation to the fund shall revert unless it contains the  
14 sentence "The appropriation to the educational television and  
15 radio equipment replacement fund shall revert."."

16 Section 2. APPROPRIATIONS.--

17 A. The following amounts are appropriated from the  
18 general fund to the educational television and radio equipment  
19 replacement fund for expenditure in fiscal year 2008 and  
20 subsequent fiscal years for television equipment replacement at  
21 the following corporation for public broadcasting qualified  
22 television broadcast stations:

23 (1) three hundred twenty-five thousand dollars  
24 (\$325,000) to KNME at the university of New Mexico;

25 (2) three hundred twenty-five thousand dollars

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1 (\$325,000) to KRWG at New Mexico state university; and  
2 (3) three hundred twenty-five thousand dollars  
3 (\$325,000) to KENW at eastern New Mexico university.

4 B. The following amounts are appropriated from the  
5 general fund to the educational television and radio equipment  
6 replacement fund for expenditure in fiscal year 2008 and  
7 subsequent fiscal years for radio equipment replacement at the  
8 following corporation for public broadcasting qualified radio  
9 broadcast stations:

10 (1) forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) to KUNM-  
11 FM at the university of New Mexico;

12 (2) forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) to KGLP-  
13 FM at the university of New Mexico-Gallup;

14 (3) forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) to KENW-  
15 FM at eastern New Mexico state university;

16 (4) forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) to KANW-  
17 FM at Albuquerque public schools; and

18 (5) forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) to KRWG-  
19 FM at New Mexico state university.

20 C. One hundred twenty thousand dollars (\$120,000)  
21 is appropriated from the general fund to the educational  
22 television and radio equipment replacement fund for expenditure  
23 in fiscal year 2008 and subsequent fiscal years for television  
24 and radio interconnect.

25 D. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining

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